

REMARKS

The present invention is directed to a related invention that is recited in U.S. Patent applications Serial No., 08/221,185, now U.S. Patent No. 5,458,493, filed March 31, 1994, Serial No., 08/561,084, now U.S. Patent No. 5,690,497, filed November 20, 1995, and Serial No. 09/143,691, now U.S. Patent No. 6,155,839, filed August 28, 1998. The Applicants have amended the claims found therein to include a set of system and method claims which do not require test answer sheets that are electronic representations of scanned images, but rather include any type of data which can be represented and displayed by a computer system over a distributed computer network. The Applicants have also included a set of non-means plus function and computer-readable program storage medium claims for the same inventive concept.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments submitted herewith. Amendments are also made to the summary and abstract to more accurately summarize the claimed invention. Applicants have also updated the discussion of related applications to accurately reflect the patent numbers of the parent cases and have amended the specification to correct various errors.

Aside from the update of the list of related applications at page 1, these amendments have been made in one or more parent cases (Application Serial Nos. 08/561,084 and 09/143,691.)

Amendments to the Drawings

Minor changes are also made to Figure 5. The Amendment to Fig. 5 was made in a related case (Serial No. 08/561,084) to add flow direction indicators.

New figure 9B was added in a related case (Serial No. 08/561,081). In that application, Applicants explained that the step of "transmitting the answer to a third test resolver" if the first and second resolvers do not enter the joint score within a predetermined time period is supported in claim 46 as originally filed. This feature is illustrated at Fig. 9B, step 98. The step of transmitting an answer to the third test resolver if "the first and second test scores contain the discrepancy" is supported at page 18, lines 9-12, and illustrated at Fig. 9B, steps 98, 141, 100,

and Fig. 10, step 109. The step of recording a third test score as determined by a third resolver is supported in the application as originally filed at page 19, lines 14-17, and illustrated at Fig. 10, steps 108 and 110.

Applicants have added Figure 12B and the accompanying description to specifically show the monitoring of performance feedback. Figure 12 B was added in related cases (Serial Nos. 08/561,083 and 09/143,303). Figure 12B and corresponding text within the specification which are supported for example by original claims 21, 25, 28 and 34. Although Applicant submits that the drawings in their present form provide support for all claimed features, the amended drawings more clearly provide such support. The addition of new Figure 12B and the corresponding textual descriptions is not new matter and is present in the claims and elsewhere in the application as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative if such contact would be helpful.

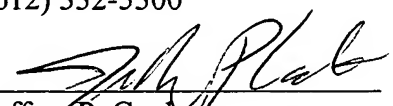
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